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## Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People

September 30, 2011

Gordon Wilson  
Superintendent  
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument  
1 Castillo Drive  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Re: Archaeological Dig – Carl Halbirt and Volunteers  
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument and  
parcel of land owned by the National Park Service.

We understand that you have initiated consultations with “affiliated tribes” concerning so-called “native american” graves - which it is not. It is no such thing. It is Aboriginal Indigenous Human Beings Burial Grounds. There was no such thing as native americans at that time, or recognized tribes or government-to-government. That did not exist at that time. They were Aboriginal Indigenous People who were living on their own Land long before the French, or Spanish, or all the others, and the whole City of St. Augustine is built on top of an Aboriginal Indigenous town and Aboriginal Indigenous Burial Grounds.

During the time that “so-called native american” prisoners were brought to the Fort there was no such thing as federally recognized or so-called “native americans” or government-to-government. They were *Aboriginal Indigenous People who had their own Names and their own Language, and their own Way of Life*. Some of our People, Miccosukee Simanolee People, were held in the Fort, and we are direct descendants of those People. Some of these people were also Leaders of our People. *So, as long as your hand touches those Human Remains, or Sacred Ground, it gives us the right to defend our Ancestors Privacy.*

First, in reviewing records, we cannot understand who permitted the construction because it is documented in SEAC records, NPS records, and archaeological records in Tallahassee and St. Augustine that there are Aboriginal Indigenous Burials in the area of so-called Castillo de San Marcos Monument and nearby properties. This permit should never have been issued. So-called Castillo de San Marcos National Monument and nearby properties, we understand, are within an Archeological Sensitive Zone.

Secondly, we request a full written report from you as to what has transpired, in order that our Nation may fully understand the situation that has occurred, including names of those who are responsible for the undertaking of this activity.

Thirdly, it is an affront to our People that this construction has been allowed. It is not only a violation of a probable "burial" area, but the very reason for the construction of this visitor center is an affront to Aboriginal Indigenous People of this Land. It is a direct insult to Aboriginal Indigenous People who had Ancestors held at the fort that were abused, discriminated against, mistreated and died at the Fort. Our People were treated worse than animals at that time by the *savage newcomers*. *There was nothing nice about that time.*

We know how the archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, and the others are trying to change the history of our People. They do not always tell the truth. What they write is wrong – just imaginative stories – just fiction! Repeated and repeated, but not the truthful history.

The truth is:

*When Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Pedro Menendez, Desoto and the others came into our Land, with their armies, to steal gold, silver, and other things that were of value to the Aboriginal Indigenous People, they committed terrorist, criminal actions against the Aboriginal Indigenous People of their own Land.*

*They murdered, raped, tortured, and slaughtered Innocent Aboriginal Indigenous People. They chased them down with the dogs, and tortured and slaughtered our People – young or old, the women or the men, children or babies. They died for us, and that is something that cannot be forgotten what they have done.*

*Four hundred and fifty years is just a very short time. Just like forty minutes and one half to us. A very short time, but all the newcomers coming into our Land have already destroyed what is valuable for the future generations.*

So-called Castillo de San Marcos Monument and the surrounding City of St. Augustine sits on top of an Aboriginal Indigenous Town and Burial Grounds, and the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People, requests that all efforts to continue construction in this area cease. *We do not want to see any more disturbances of this area.*

We enclose a copy of the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal Peoples' Burial Policies, in order that you can further understand our position, in this matter. When we have received your full written report, of what has transpired, you need to sit down with us. *This is a very serious matter.*

**Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People**

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Enclosure: Burial Policies of the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee  
Nation, Aboriginal People.

Copied to: List Attached.

## **Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People**

The Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Aboriginal People, we would never touch or disturb white peoples' burials or any other peoples' burials: human remains or grave items. We do not dig up the human remains and grave items of white people or other people. We respect your graves. White people and other people need to respect our burials: Aboriginal human remains and belongings, and stop digging them up. Leave them alone.

Maybe archeologist should start digging up the white peoples' and other peoples' graves to feed and raise their kids because this is what they are doing to Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Sacred (Holy) Burial Grounds, Ceremonial Sites, and Village Sites: Digging them up to make money to feed and raise their kids.

The Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Aboriginal People know it is not right what the white people or other people are doing to our Sacred (Holy) Burials, Ceremonial Sites and Village Sites. It is wrong what you are doing, and the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People is getting more and more angry about the disturbances of our Grounds. You need to respect our Grounds and leave them alone.

Non-Aboriginal People do not have a connection with our People and do not have the right to remove our People and their belongings from their burial grounds or conduct reburials of our people.

So, no matter what kind of law you create on your own, giving you the right to disturb our grounds, we still know it is wrong what you are doing, because the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Aboriginal People has their own Law - The Natural Law - the Law of the Human Beings. The Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Aboriginal People has carried the Natural Law from the beginning of Creation, and we are not going to change that, no matter what kind of law you come up with on your own.

Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation, Aboriginal People

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April 3, 2010

# **Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People**

## **Policies**

### **Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation's Policies Concerning the Rightful Protection of Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, and Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites**

Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, and Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites shall not be disturbed. There shall be no ground disturbing activities including archaeological studies or research of any kind of these sites.

Our Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, and Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites have been there from generation to generation harming no one, but when you disturb these sites, it will harm the human life and Cycle of Life. Therefore it is prohibited to disturb these sites. They must be left untouched.

## **Sacred (Holy) Burial Grounds**

All remains, whether historic or prehistoric are our Ancient Relatives and must be rightfully respected and protected from any disturbance. When an inadvertent discovery occurs, all ground disturbing activities must immediately cease within a three hundred foot or more radius using the discovery as the center point. The burial shall be left interred and no action may be taken to disturb, examine, or excavate the human burials. Aboriginal Indigenous People must be notified immediately of the inadvertent discovery. They know what to do and will tell you what to do.

In the event, human remains have inadvertently been removed, upon proper evaluation and consultation with Aboriginal Indigenous People, re-interment must take place immediately following removal, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

At no time may scientific studies of any kind including measurements be conducted or any photographs taken and funerary items must be treated with respect. They have been placed with the human remains for essential reasons and should not be collected, removed or separated from the human remains.

### Re-Interments

The Spiritual Values of the Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Way of Life must be observed in dealing with human remains, funerary items associated funerary items, animal artifacts, burials and/or the relocation and transfer of gravesites. Aboriginal Indigenous Law prevents the direct handling of human remains, funerary items, associated funerary items, and animal artifacts. Therefore it is necessary that the person who removed the human remains be present at the re-interment to replace the human remains and items into the original gravesite or selected site under the direction of the Aboriginal Indigenous Spiritual Leader. Only certain Aboriginal Indigenous People with *Specific Spiritual Knowledge* should be involved with re-interments. Individuals that walk on, disturb, or excavate burial sites must be warned that handling human remains, or direct exposure to the site and exposure to burial items may affect their overall health in the immediate future or sometime during their lifetime.

### Village and Ceremonial Sites

Our Village Sites and Ceremonial Sites have never been abandoned no matter how old. When you find an old village, they are our homes today as they were yesterday, but because of 'keep out' signs, and so-called private ownership state and federal parks, etc, we cannot visit these areas like we used to do, and we ask that you respect these areas and leave them alone.

### Construction or Ground Disturbing Activities Conducted in the Vicinity of Aboriginal Indigenous Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, and Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites

When engaging in construction or ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of known or suspected Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, or Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites a three hundred foot or more buffer zone must be observed around the site to ensure adequate protection and sanctity of the site.

### Underwater Disturbances of Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites

We have been saying the Spirits of the Land are connected to the people. Not very often Aboriginal Indigenous People talk about Spirits of the Water. We do not disturb the Spirits of the Water. We respect them and that is how everything should remain. We think that is why most Aboriginal Indigenous People have never talked about the Spirits of the Water, but we will say this, that has been disturbed throughout the country. We tell you, do not disturb the Spirits of the Water. That means also the Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' resting places under the water, or artifacts or other belongings. We

know who these People are. They are our Ancestors and we tell you to respect them and leave them alone.

### Aboriginal Indigenous Peoples' Rightful Right to Protect Their Sites

Aboriginal Indigenous People must be consulted concerning any ground disturbing activities that shall take place in the vicinity of their Village Sites, Ceremonial Sites, and Sacred (Holy) Burial Sites. They must be consulted concerning any proposed direct disturbance of these sites prior to any disturbances taking place. This includes any proposed archaeological activities in the vicinity of these sites, and at no time may any archaeological activities take place at these sites. These sites are the responsibility of the Aboriginal Indigenous People and it is their rightful right to advise what impact, if any, shall occur in the vicinity or on these sites. It is rightfully the right of the Aboriginal Indigenous People to protect these sites and preserve the sanctity of their sites. They are the only ones with the knowledge to advise properly what can and cannot be done. Non-Indigenous people do not have this knowledge and do not have the right to determine what should or should not occur at these sites. It is up to the Aboriginal Indigenous People to decide. They know what to do and will tell you what to do.

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# **Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People**

Big Cypress National Preserve ORV Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 18, 2011

We keep telling all of you that you cannot make anymore planning in our Land - no more ORV trails, roads, building of facilities or tourist visitor centers or creating more camping areas, or boardwalks.

**If you cannot understand what we are saying, maybe this helps you to understand::**

## **S T O P!**

You recently added on the board members, but we don't see any Aboriginal Indigenous Natural People or the Board. Anyway, no matter what kind of Plan you do, it is never going to work because you are still breaking the Agreement between us, and you also breaking your promises, which means your own belief, your own law over, and over, and over again.

**When are you going to respect your own law? When are you going to respect yourselves, so-called united states Americans?  
Because your not, and that is the way we see you.**

Every one of you, members of the Big Cypress National Preserve O.R.V. Advisory Committee, Big Cypress National Preserve superintendent and staff, US National Park Service, Department of Interior, the one you call president and vice president, members of congress, and local and county government, and all the others involved are responsible and liable for making any more plans. You are in an illegal position, and you need to pay attention to us what we have been telling you over, and over, and over, and over since your arrival in our Land.

**You broke the boundary of the Agreement between us,  
and you broke your own law.**

**Big Cypress National Preserve, New Addition Lands, Everglades National Park, and beyond are illegally established in the Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal Peoples' Land.**

**Our Land is not for sale or to be given away!**

As the Original Stewards of this Land, we are offended by the lack of sensitivity being shown to our position and we are discriminated against by having to respond in black and white and speak in a foreign language that is not ours that can never convey the full depth of our concerns.

As Aboriginal Indigenous People of this Land, we maintain the Responsibility that was given to us by the Creator (God) to care for all Creation and to speak for our relatives, that cannot be easily understood by the newcomers. The activities of the Big Cypress National Preserve ORV Advisory Committee continue to damage, destroy, and desecrate our Land. This has to STOP!

**The Creator's Law does not change so our obligations and responsibilities have not changed and will not change, and we will continue to Defend the Future of Life, and all that is Sacred to Us, as our Elders have done, since the illegal, aggressive, and brutal immigration of the European Americans, and other immigrants into our Aboriginal Indigenous Lands.**

*The United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights recognizes Indigenous Peoples and the urgent need to Respect and Promote the Inherent Rights of Indigenous Peoples which derive from their politics, economic and social structures, spiritual traditions, histories, and philosophies, especially their rights to their Lands, territories, and resources and Promotes the Rights of Indigenous People affirmed in treaties, agreements, and other constructive arrangements with States, and recognizes that control by Indigenous People over development affecting Them and their Lands and Resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and need*

Aboriginal Indigenous People that follow the Natural Laws created into the Aboriginal Indigenous People by the Creator (God) himself at the beginning the Creation of Life were born into and have Rights that go way beyond these words created by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This Declaration is considered a "minimum standard" for non-indigenous people to begin working towards fulfilling their obligation to Aboriginal Indigenous People.

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